**Sinana Woreda Innovation Platform Technical Committee Meeting**



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**Date 28/03/2015**

Venue: Mada Walabu University

Meeting started 3:00pm

Meeting ended 6:30

**Lists of Participants**

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| **No.** | **Full name** | **Organization** | **Role** |
| **1** | Ahmed Aliye | Madawalabu University (MWU) | Facilitator |
| **2.** | Abdulnasir Yunus | Madawalabu University (MWU) | Member |
| **3.** | Bekele Diriba | Sinana Agricultural Research Center (SARC) | » |
| **4.** | Shure Soboka | Sinana Agricultural Research Center (SARC) | » |
| **5.** | Debele Habebe | WOA - AGP focal person | » |
| **6.** | Endashew Abebe | Sinana Woreda Afrca RISING Ass. Coordinator | » |

Introduction

A well come introduction was given by Endeshaw Tadesse with detail purpose of the meeting.

The outlines of IP meeting agenda was presented by Ahimed Aliye facilitator of the woreda IP as follows.

**Outlines of WIP meeting Agenda**

* Overview of research activities, achievement, challenge
* To what extent WIP is taking its responsibility
* Lesson learned from previous year
* Discussing on scaling activities

i.e. -way of farmer selection

-Site selection

-planting

* Fixing regular meeting time
* How to develop research idea that has been lead by IP TG.

***Research activity update, challenge and lesson learned as start point of the meeting***

Research activities update and other activities done so far by last year were presented by Mr Endashaw Tadesse as follows:

***What was done?***

‘Africa RISING’ has been under taking different research activities on different thematic area such as:

* Animal Feed and Forage Development
* Field Crop Varietal Selection and evaluation
* Integration of High Value Products into Mixed Farming Systems
* Improved Land and Water Management for Sustainability
* Improving the Efficiency of Mixed Farming Systems through more Effective Crop - Livestock integration
* Cross Cutting Problems and Opportunities
* Knowledge Management, Exchange and Capacity Development
* Different survey

-Telephone survey

-PCA

- Household survey and others

***Field Crop Varietal Selection and evaluation (Total beneficiaries)***

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| **SN.** | **List of protocols** | Total Beneficiary | |
| **Selka** | **Ilu-Sanbit** |
| **1** | PVS (5 crops) | 10 | 10 |
| **2** | CSP (4 crops) | 7 | 8 |
| **3** | Tree Lucerne | 23 | 34 |
| **4** | Apple | 14 | 34 |
| **5** | Oat and Vetch | 13 | 18 |
| **6** | Yield gap (ICRISAT) | 17 | - |
| **7** | Yield gap (CIAT) | - | 27 |
| **8** | CRM | 6 | 6 |
|  | Sub-Total | 90 | 137 |
|  | **Total** | **227** | |

**Community based seed multiplication (total beneficiaries)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SN.** | **Type of crop** | **(Area 2000m2)** | | **Total** |
| Selka | Ilu-Sanbit |
| **1** | Potato –Gudane | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **2** | Wheat- Hidase | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **3** | Faba Bean- Moti, Dosha, Gebelcho | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **4** | Field pea | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  | **Total** |  |  | **15** |

***To what extent IP TC is taking its responsibility***

It was obvious that IP TC was established to guide the process of:

* Engaging for learning and sharing for innovation
* Learning from action the ground
* Capacity building
* M &E
* Documentation
* IP development & its function up to kebele and farmers
* Finalization of IP function & activities
* Governance procedures
* Guidelines to ensure IP functions are undertaking effectively
* Frequently meet & decided, formulate a task force to ensure action is taken on timely manner.
* Encourage scaling out through KIP and other kebeles where appropriate.
* **If so, what will have to be done to become smart……………?**

***Challenge, opportunities and lesson learned***

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| **Challenge** | **Opportunities** | **Lesson learned** |
| -More than 90% of planned activity was fully implemented  -Required data was gathered  -Production diversification Establishment of strong partnership and functioning strategic and operational IPs  -Wider community awareness creation through field days and trainings,  -High demand of farmers to adopt new technologies, eg. Potato  -Capacity building through short term trainings | -Dependency of farmers on wheat due to mechanization  -Poor participation of farmers on labor intensive activities  -Prevalence of pest (weeds, disease, etc)  -High seed demand and shortage of supply  -Low demand of farmers in using rotation of pulse crops between cereals  -Difficulty to manage all and few gaps on proper implementation some protocols  -Road accessibility problem during rainy season  -Weak communication by IP TC | -Farmer and site selection should be through KIP with help of WIP with woreda office of agriculture taking the lead.  -IP TG should have to be the driving force every activities  -Active and advisor  -IP Regular meeting and communication is best way for duty sharing and achievement. |

**Comments and discussions**

After completion of the presentation, the facilitator opens the stage for discussion and each of the participants of the IP commented the presented activities, weakness of IP technical committee and put future directions for each issue raised in the presentation and the others.

***Comments on the presented report***

All the participants agreed on the importance of such type of presentation after the completion of each season activities and discuss on issues rose above and put some points as follows.

* All points raised are good and supported by quantitative data but in the future all reports should include project objective and methodology in addition to quantitative data/result
* Reports should include number of seedlings and survival rates rather than only the number of farmers benefited from the project
* Data collection should be under the supervision of the researchers rather than left for only DA and support staff.
* IP TC should have to take leading position in different activities and have regular meeting time based on the need arrival/importance.

**Farmer selection system and site selection for the coming Ganna season**

Regarding future plan and what have been learned from previous site selection and farmer selection too was discussed deeply and the following points were taken as the main points. From last year site and farmer selection we have learned a lot that some farmers managed their activity as to the need of the research protocol while the other couldn’t. To uniformly disseminate our technologies has been needed:

* Farmer selection should be based on interest and ability of the farmer and other farmers in FRG groups
* Planning should be carried out annually and activities have to be implemented on the bases of the plan
* Field selection should be based on research interest rather than only on Farmers interest
* Farmer mobilization, Community seed production supervision and discussion must be led by Woreda agri. Office and technical activities during site selection; planting… should be carried out by researchers.

***Farmer Selection criteria***

* ***Land accessibility /near to road***
* ***Ability to manage whether he is model or not***
* ***Farmers having clustered land/ for community seed multiplication+***
* ***May be FRG group or not it would be in cluster approach***
* ***Plot selection should be on crop interest/crop type***

**Importance and Period of IP meeting**

* Even though different champions were selected and different activities were done so far, IP regular meeting and IP technical committee meeting was not carried out yet. The importance of IP meeting is unquestionable as lack of annual meeting of IP members is the main point raised as drawback.

***So for the future***:

* IP meetings should be carried out at critical period, during planting, weeding etc rather than through phone call to participate on crop status evaluation or planting.
* WIP meeting should be regularly and based on plan/annual meeting plan

Finally the following WIPTC meeting and WIP meeting was planned as follows:

***IP meeting programmers***

* + Planning and review before execution of any activity
  + Planting period
  + Supervision at early time/ weeding and disease occurrence period
  + Mid- season and end season Evaluation period are the main once while other meetings should be prepared based on its importance.

**Additional Points to be raised as problem and to be improved**

* Supervision was planned but not done last year which couldn’t repeated again
* Regular training should be given based on the need and based on plan
* Linkage among stockholders should be strengthened through IP technical committee
* Monitoring and evaluation, and other activities should be based on the plan
* Lack of awareness and share of responsibility have to be changed among stakeholders and IP committee members
* Conflict of interest among DA and share of responsibility should be managed through responsible officials of Woreda Agri. office
* Office management system should get awareness and should not go with personal interest
* Each member of the IP should participate actively and equally on each of the activities
* Technical committee should know what is there for the members, office facilities, perdium and top ups
* Training need assessment and should be carried out to know the need gap and skill gaps of the farmers

Finally question was asked for the site coordinator and the following was replied

Q. If we want to prepare training, how is the way forward?

* It is possible as we prepare our plan it will be sent soon to ILRI and the response will be sooner so we have no worry in such a points.
* On the other hand we can prepare research Agenda on which we can be funded

**Future plan for the coming Ganna Season**

**Comments:**

* All crops should be planted and it is possible
* Potato planting should be earlier as it sprouted late
* ***Technical committee of PA should be represented as much as possible***
* ***Woreda Extension office should be part of the site selection and will have taken the leading position.***
* ***It is good to participate professionals for each crop***

***Crops Planned for Belg/ Genna Season and Approved based on seed availability, 2015/16***

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| **Crops** | **Area** | **No of Farmers planned earlier** | **Approved** | **Remark**  **Date of Selection** |
| Food Barley | 2000m2 | 5 | 4 |  |
| Malt Barley | 2000m2 | 5 | 2 |  |
| Faba Bean | 2000m2 | 5 | 4 |  |
| Potato | 2000m2 | 5 | 2 |  |